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### NEGRO TROOPS PARADE AT LOVE'S THEATRE

#### THE CALL OF RACE.

By Roscoe C. Jamison.

The Nations of the World they all have flags  
To symbolize their power and their worth.  
And some mean much, and some are empty brags,  
Wherewith they mystify the sons of earth.

Each flag is held by hands both brave and true.  
Each people for their own would fight and die.  
Each banner thrills its subjects through and through,  
When they behold it, 'neath whatever sky.

"And what flag has the Negro?" You ask this;  
"They are a separate people—naught have they  
To show their entity!" You speak amiss.  
They have indeed a fadeless flag, I say.



ROS COE C. JAMISON,  
Who Passed Away One Year Ago.

Wherever dwells a Negro, 'tis unfurled,  
Tinted to various shades, it has always been.  
It antedates the empires of the world;  
Look, you, 'tis the color of his skin!

Nor separate continent, nor isle, nor tongue,  
Customs, nor ideals set a race apart  
As does this flag that from dim ages sprung,  
And of this fact take heed, each manly heart.

Do you not think this flag should be sustained  
By men true-hearted, honorable and brave,  
Who faint not till true freedom they have gained?  
Oh, Lad, this is your flag, and yours to save!

To lift your flag, then, you must lift your race,  
To shirk this task is foully to betray.  
Upon the battle front go take your place,  
And fight till victory has crowned the day!

#### LOCAL BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 3d, at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, 8 p. m. Prof. H. O. Cook will give his "Talk on France and the War," illustrated with stereopticon views. Roll call of members and launching of the spring membership drive.

#### GARRISON SQUARE FORUM.

A most excellent program was rendered at Harrison Square last Sunday afternoon and a large audience was in attendance. A splendid and eloquent address was delivered by Prof. J. P. King of Kansas City, Kas., that evoked much favorable comment. These meetings are growing in interest and Prof. R. T. Coles, the founder, expects to make it the greatest forum in the West.

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

##### THE FIRST CALL.

For The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, 1909.  
By Mary White Ovington.

(Chapter 2.)

The Centennial celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will fail to justify itself if it takes no note of and makes no recognition of the colored men and women for whom the great Emancipator labored to assure freedom. Besides a day of rejoicing, Lincoln's birthday in 1909 should be one of taking stock of the nation's progress since 1865.

"How far has it lived up to the obligations imposed upon it by the Emancipation Proclamation? How far has it gone in assuring to each and every citizen, irrespective of color, the equality of opportunity and equality before the law, which underlie our American institutions and are guaranteed by the Constitution?"

"If Mr. Lincoln could revisit this country in the flesh, he would be disappointed and discouraged. He would learn that on January 1, 1909, Georgia had rounded out a new confederacy by disfranchising the Negro, after the manner of all the other Southern States. He would learn that the Supreme Court of the United States, supposedly a bulwark of American liberties, had refused every opportunity to pass squarely upon this disfranchisement of millions, by laws avowedly discriminatory and openly enforced in such manner that the white men may vote and black men be without a vote in their government; he would discover, therefore, that taxation without representation is the lot of millions of wealth-producing American citizens, in whose hands rests the economic progress and welfare of an entire section of the country.

"In many states Lincoln would find justice enforced, if at all, by judges elected by one element in a community to pass upon the liberties and lives of another. He would see the Black men and women, for whose freedom a hundred thousand of soldiers gave their lives, set apart in trains, in which they pay first-class fares for third-class service, and segregated in railway stations and in places of entertainment; he would observe that State after State declines to do its elementary duty in preparing the Negro through education for the best exercise of citizenship.

"Added to this, the spread of lawless attacks upon the Negro, North, South, and West—even in the Springfield made famous by Lincoln—often accompanied by revolting brutalities, sparing neither sex nor age nor youth, could but shock the author of the sentiment that 'government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.'"

"Silence under these conditions means tacit approval. The indifference of the North is already responsible for more than one assault upon democracy, and every such attack reacts as unfavorably upon whites as upon Blacks. Discrimination once permitted cannot be bridled; recent history in the South shows that in forging chains for the Negro the white voters are forging chains for themselves. 'A house divided against itself cannot stand'; this government cannot exist half-slave and half-free any better today than it could in 1861.

"Hence we call upon all the believers in democracy to join in a national conference for the discussion of present evils, the voicing of protests, and the renewal of the struggle for civil and political liberty."

\* Bishop L. W. Kyles, noted orator and scholar, will preach at St. James A. M. E. Zion Church, 1805 Woodland Avenue, all day Sunday, March 30.  
\* Hear him!

#### THE SOLDIERS' PARADE.

By J. A. Wilson.

That some prominent Negroes who have charge of public affairs are unfortunately negligent of details and that the rank and file of the Negroes of this city are painfully ignorant of the fitness of things was very evident during the parade of the Negro overseas soldiers last week. The military heads at the request of the mayor, consented to allow the soldiers to stop over so that the citizens, black and white, all who were interested, could see them in a body, and so that this city aided by their Negro friends and relatives could especially entertain them. The merely curious and the student of human nature both are anxious to see what effect the greatest war in history had on these men, and what was the bearing of men who had loyalty and bravely faced shot, shell and death and had alive returned home, and so on the morning of the parade the streets were thronged with onlookers. First came an auto whose white occupants represented the city's welcome, then came the Lincoln High School Cadet Band, composed of fine young fellows in natty uniforms who made a very creditable appearance. These were followed by the prominent professional and business men of the Race. The women representing the Red Cross came next, always a pleasing sight, and then came the objects of interest, the main feature of the parade, the boys, our boys whom everybody came to see, but were disappointed and disgusted at the sight. Somebody failed to arrange that the soldiers should be seen and from the start to the finish these men were flanked, covered and hidden by a motley mob of unkempt, disorderly, boisterous, unsightly, uncouth Negroes who paraded themselves through the principal streets of the city, thereby lowering the prestige of the Negro citizens. I saw no flags or banners of welcome in the downtown districts and I sometimes wonder if we are wise in accepting at all times a separate recognition of ourselves as citizens.

It is very evident that the bad public manners, deportment and appearance of certain classes of our people in greater Kansas City is a detriment to our civil progress. It is absolutely necessary that something be done by us who can to attempt to remedy this evil. I have spoken of this several times in these columns and I have been dreaming that some day the schools, churches, fraternal organizations, homes, women's clubs, would work together for this purpose. Again, I offer both my ideas and money to assist in realizing the fulfillment of my dream. It is said of the peacock that while strutting around with its uplifted beautiful plumage in admiring evidence, if it happens to look down at its rusty feet, it drops both its head and tail, so if those gentlemen who were marching so proudly at the head of the procession had seen its rusty end, they would have had the same feeling that prompted this article.

#### Y. W. C. A.

Two hundred Y. W. C. A. members have paid up their dues during the month of March. We now have 650 on the roll. How soon can we reach the 1000 mark? It all depends on you, dear friends.

Remember, Vespers the 2d and 4th Sunday of each month. Last Sunday the topic, "How to Better Our Community," aroused spirited discussion. The second Sunday in April will be in charge of the Juniors. Watch them create enthusiasm.

Plans for the organization of a branch Y. W. C. A. for our girls in St. Joseph, Mo., were discussed at a recent meeting of prominent women of that city at the Bartlett High School when Miss Mae Belcher, secretary of the South Central field of the Y. W. C. A., was present.

The housing committee through Mrs. Jean McCampbell, has found excellent homes for five strangers coming into the city depending on the Y. W. C. A. to locate them. The employment department will soon be a necessity.



MR. FRANK BEATTY

Who had a miraculous escape from death last Sunday when he fell thirty feet from a window in the balcony of Allen Chapel where he was attending the annual services of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Beatty fortunately landed upon a pile of ashes and cinders which broke his fall and prevented serious injury, although his face and hands were severely lacerated.

#### \$1,500.00 PAID.

Fifteen hundred dollars paid in claims in Kansas City during the winter and "flu" epidemic. Below is a partial list of those receiving benefits from their policies:

Valentine Jones	\$11.00
James McNeal	16.30
Bettie Lewis	10.00
Alvin Jordan	19.92
Hugh Wadley	10.00
Charles Foster	32.00
Samuel Lands	25.00
Wm. Thomas	46.66
James Harmon	8.78
Birdie Jackson	10.56
H. C. Johnson	5.81
Zenobia Wright	8.00
Bessie L. Lee	8.00
John G. Hamlet	45.59
Fatima Cheatham	19.23
John Phillips	13.23
Earlie Harris	4.99
Hortense Neely	9.31
Pamela Jones	4.00
C. B. Burton	9.00
Wm. Dunson	9.25
Levi Cox	12.00
John Ware	10.00
John Lawry	40.00
H. K. Perry	18.75
King Robinson	16.00
Archie Michels	20.35
Malachi Shipp	16.50
Arthur Brown	8.16
Richard Harris	18.75
Major Cook	9.96
Joseph Radford	17.12
Thos. Matthews	26.50
James McCullough	16.00
Indiana Williams	14.58
Essie Rosser	20.00
Harry White	12.00
Jasper Redford	12.00
Wm. Ashcraft	47.66
Marcellus Hiedson	11.66
Ethelene Wilson	13.28
W. T. Bolton	27.39
Leona Mosby	30.66
J. M. Spaulding	8.00
Emmett Barnhill	12.00
Woodson H. Porter	18.60
Harry Letcher	18.00
Arthur Hill	20.00
Virt Gibson	8.16
Edw. W. Smith	46.50
Elzie Holiday	5.81
Ruth Sage McPike	54.99
R. R. A. Gordon	11.97
Willie Mack	53.77
Logan Harvey	22.00
Allie A. Harris	54.24
Marshall Caruthers	24.50
Albert L. Miller	7.07
Mildred Weaver	10.83
Mary Coleman	5.66
Ida Williams	12.00
Pinkie A. Jones	22.00
A. B. Carter	24.00
Jas. T. Furcron	24.00
P. M. Dabney	18.00
Ben Thurston	16.00
Willie Johnson	16.00

"Better have it always and never need it than to need it and not have it."

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#### ZION METHODIST HOLD DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

The Kansas City District Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church is in session at St. James' Church, pastored by Dr. W. E. Shaw. Dr. F. W. Alstok of St. Louis is the presiding elder. In connection with the District Conference a Missionary Convocation is being held. Many visitors are in attendance. The opening sermon, preached by the Rev. M. O. Bonepart, a promising young minister, was a masterly effort.

The annual address of Presiding Elder Alstok showed deep thought and covered a wide range, dealing reflectively on the future of the church and the Race. His review of the work of the District during the past year showed marked progress, an increase in membership and in finance. In eloquent words he pleaded for unity and loyalty. "Christianity," he said, "and not democracy, was the panacea for the ills that afflict mankind." Dr. Alstok is one of the coming men of the church.

Wednesday evening Dr. H. Stovall, presiding elder of the California Conference, preached to a large audience. Dr. Stovall is one of the most prominent divines of the connection and under his leadership the church on the Pacific Coast has made great headway. He is an enthusiastic preacher and a spiritual feast was enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

Dr. W. E. Shaw spoke on Methodism and Organic Union. He predicted the union, in time of Negro Methodist churches. Dr. B. G. Shaw of St. Louis preached to a well filled house Thursday evening. Those who know Dr. Shaw know the rest.

The Rev. E. S. Hargde of Des Moines, Iowa, preached to the edification of all present Friday evening. Bishop L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D., is in attendance and will preach at one of the services next Sunday. The Bishop has just returned from the far West and gives a glowing account of the growth of the work in the Seventh Episcopal District.

The Revs. R. Davis of the M. E. Church and J. A. Handley of the A. M. E. Church addressed the Conference Wednesday.

Mr. George W. K. Love has erected an attractive illuminated sign at 19th and Vine streets. This is the first attempt made by a Negro business man to put his wares before the public gaze.

#### BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

By Mrs. M. H. White.

Sunday was a glorious day at our Church. Rev. Miller preached a wonderful sermon at 11:00 A. M. At 3:00 o'clock Rev. A. A. Banks of the Kansas Avenue Baptist Church preached a soul stirring sermon. Our pastor, Rev. H. C. Gatewood, preached Sunday at 8:00 o'clock and while he preached our hearts burned within us. Our B. Y. P. U. is progressing.

#### DR. PAUL V. CROSTHWAIT SUCCEUMS.

Dr. Paul V. Crosthwait, 35 years of age, the son of Prof. and Mrs. D. N. Crosthwait, 1020 Virginia avenue, this city, passed away enroute to Kansas City from Los Angeles, Cal., where he had been residing for his health. He was accompanied by his mother, who had been with him for the past four months. While he had been ill for two years, he was improving rapidly when he was attacked with influenza last January, from which he never quite recovered. Dr. Crosthwait has lived in this city since he was one year of age, graduating from the Lincoln ward and high schools, after which he graduated in dentistry from Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. Shortly after graduation he was appointed as dental surgeon in the city schools of Chicago as a result of his high average of an examination in civil service. He then went abroad as dental surgeon with the British Red Cross and remained eight months, returning to Chicago, where he practiced dentistry until his health failed. He is survived by parents, Prof. and Mrs. D. N. Crosthwait, the former of whom is stationed at Camp Sherman, O., with the Y. M. C. A.; a brother, Mr. David N. Crosthwait, Jr., a mechanical engineer, of Marshalltown, Ia.; a sister, Miss Ann Crosthwait, a teacher in Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo., and two grandmothers. The funeral services will be held this morning from St. Augustine's P. E. Church, the Rev. Father Rahming officiating. The Sun extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### HOMER B. ROBERTS, FIRST OF RACE TO BE COMMISSIONED IN UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS, COMMANDED LIAISON UNIT IN FIERCEST BATTLE OF WAR.

Enlisting in the army as a private, after recruiting thirty other soldiers, and returning a first lieutenant is the war record of Homer B. Roberts, a Kansas City Negro, who commanded a unit of the signal corps during some of the biggest battles of the war. Lieutenant Roberts was with the 325th field signal battalion in the Argonne forest and other big drives by the American forces.

Lieutenant Roberts was a resident of Kansas City several years before enlisting in the army. He was an employee of the Afro-Mexican Land Company and lived at 2453 Montgall avenue. Shortly after enlisting he was made a sergeant and sent to a signal training camp in the South. In April, 1918, he was commissioned and sent to France.

He was on field duty eight months and supervised the establishing of communication under heavy fire in numerous battles. He was educated prior to the war in electrical engineering, but found no opportunity to utilize the knowledge until sent to France. The men under Lieutenant Roberts were attached to the 52d division of Negro troops. He was the first Negro commissioned in the signal troops, and his organization the first Negro signal unit in the American army.

In the Argonne battle two men of his command were mentioned for bravery in installing signal lines under fire. On the second day of the drive his men became soldiers of combat and captured a strong army position without assistance from other units. The battalion had the distinction of serving as the liaison unit between the Americans and the Fifth French army in the Argonne.—Kansas City Post (Tuesday).

#### COLORED CHILDRENS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Business meeting Monday at 8 p. m. at the Paso Y. M. C. A. Judge Porterfield will discuss the possibilities of a Parental Home for delinquent girls. All the pastors of the city will bring delegations from their churches. The thinking Christian people are awake to the need of this home.—Adv.

Do you know that the Y. W. C. A. is a character factory? Then you know, it puts sound minds into sound bodies and sound citizens into society.

#### A SUCCESSFUL MINISTER.

Perhaps no minister in the West has seen more varied and eventful service in the African Methodist Episcopal Church than has the Rev. L. W. McCormick whose portrait appears herewith and who has for forty years been an active and aggressive minister in this Church and is still in active service. Rev. McCormick is the present pastor of St. Luke's A. M. E. church of Kansas City, Missouri, where he is serving his fourth year and is putting on a big rally where he hopes the first Sunday in April to raise \$200.00 to pay the taxes and needed improvements upon his church. Dr. McCormick has not failed in forty years to answer the roll call at its Annual Conference and he has served in both Kansas and Missouri with honor and success. He joined the Kansas Conference in 1878 at Lawrence, Kansas, going out from Allen Chapel and he has pastored the following churches in Kansas: Parsons, Coffeyville, Independence, Columbus, Baxter Springs, Hiawatha, White Cloud, Highland, Topeka, Junction City, Argentine, Oswego, Paola.



REV. L. W. MCCORMICK  
For Forty Years a Minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ossawatimie, Girard, Oskaloosa, Galena and Kansas City. And in Missouri he has served at Salisbury, Paris, Fulton, Weston, Holden, Norborne, Hardin, Wellington, Butler, Nevada and Kansas City. Few men have done more constructive work for the Church and race than Rev. McCormick. And the Sun wishes for him continued health and service.

#### A DAMNABLE OUTRAGE.

Among the mean, contemptible and disgustingly small things done by some business firms in this city in dealing with their Colored patrons is to deny our women entrance to the lavatories in these various establishments in this city. Among the latest offenders along this line is the miserable little Kresge Ten Cent Store which every decent Negro man and woman should shun as they would a contagious disease. A representative from the Civic Department of the Colored Women's Federation of Clubs, Mrs. Essie Lewis, waited upon this management to know why this discrimination was practiced and notices warning Negro women away were conspicuously displayed. And the same old stereotyped excuse was made that "our white patrons object to it." As for that matter their white patrons will object to going to purgatory and will also object to Negroes going to heaven but the chances are their objections will not weigh as much with the Manager of the Universe as they do with the Manager of the Ten Cent Store.

All honor to the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. May they vigorously and persistently fight all mean and harmful discrimination such as this and it really seems from the standpoint of sanitation and health that a damage suit would stand in any fair-minded court against such vicious and harmful discrimination which has neither the sanction of fair-minded men and women nor of Almighty God.

Master Wilbur Wood, son of Mr. Wilbur Wood, the well known druggist, has been quite ill at the residence of his aunt, Miss Bessie Jacobs, 2610 Highland avenue, with pneumonia, but is convalescing rapidly now.